

# Creation to Christ Bible Study



## Book 2 of 4

**Dear Friend,**

The Bible is God's recorded message to the peoples of the world. To most people the Bible is like a big jigsaw puzzle. Have you ever put a jigsaw puzzle together? First, most people find the four corner pieces of puzzle. Then they find the edge pieces and put together the frame. Then they go to work to fill in the middle and a picture begins to develop. Not until you have placed the last piece in the puzzle do you get to see the whole picture.

The Creation to Christ Bible study is a series of 4 books. Book number 1 lays out the four corner pieces to our Bible puzzle. Book number 2 builds the outer frame. Books 3 and 4 fill in the middle to reveal a beautiful picture of God's grace and mercy.

At the end of the booklet is a short series of questions from each lesson to help you better understand what you just read. I suggest looking at the questions at the end before you read. Then after reading the lesson, go back and try to answer the questions.

As you complete each lesson and answer the questions on the following pages, please mail the sheets with the answered questions to the address below. **Please keep this book number 2 as our gift to you.** Include your return address - you will receive book number 3 within a couple of weeks after completing book number 2. If you have any spiritual questions or would like further help, please write to us - we would like to help:

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## Lesson 7: "Abraham"

Many generations passed since the Tower of Babel. All through the years, God did not forget his promise to send a Savior. Few people in each generation believed God would send a Savior. One such man is called Abram who lived about 4,000 years ago. His name was later changed to Abraham. Noah had three sons named Shem, Ham and Japheth. Abram was a descendant of Shem. He grew up in a town called Ur, in present day Iraq. Abram married Sarai, but at this time they did not have any children.

***Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:***

God was starting his plan to tell the nations about the coming Savior. God chose Abram because He knew he would listen, believe and obey Him. God's plan for Abram was to leave his family and his country. This was a big step. He could not look at a roadmap or talk to a travel agent. He did not know even know where he was to go. He had to trust God to lead him one day at a time. His unknown destination was the land of Canaan, which is modern day Israel.

***Genesis 12:2,3 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.***

First, God promised Abram that his descendants would become a great nation. At this time, Abram was 75 years old! This was great news to Abram, because it meant he would have a child. His wife was past childbearing age and he was perplexed as to how this would happen, but God is all powerful. Whatever He promises He can and will do, as we will find out in the next lesson.

Second, God said Abram's name would become great. Does anyone know his name today? Of course! All of today's Jews, Muslims, and Christians know his name. They represent over half the world's population. Over 4,000 years later, God is still keeping his promise to Abram that his name would be great.

Third, God also promised to bless Abram and protect him by His power. He would become an important man and other people would receive great benefits and help. God promised that he would prosper those who helped Abram and bring evil on anyone who treated Abram wrongly.

Fourth, God made an important promise to Abram about the coming Savior, **"in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."** This promise includes

your family as well as mine. How can that be? Abram has been dead for 4,000 years. How can this promise affect us today? Do you remember God promised Adam and Eve to send a Savior in the Garden of Eden? Well, God promised Abram that one of his descendants would be that Savior. It is the Savior who will help all the families around the world by defeating Satan for them.

***Genesis 12:4-5 So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.***



Abram believed and obeyed God. God led him to Canaan, which is present day Israel.

***Genesis 12:7 And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.***

God promised Abram that he was going to give the land of Canaan to Abram's descendants. In response, Abram built an altar unto God to show his gratefulness. Abram knew the correct way to approach God and be accepted by Him. He offered a blood sacrifice on the altar as God showed Adam and Eve. Abram's sacrifice was clear evidence that he recognized the need to have a substitute pay the death penalty for him. He believed God just as Adam, Abel, and Noah did. The people living in Ur worshipped idols. They did not trust, love, or obey God. Even Abram's father, Terah, was an idolater.

Our ancestors deliberately turned away from God. They worshipped the things which God created instead of God himself. However, God did not abandon his plan to rescue mankind from Satan's power and everlasting punishment. God bringing Abram out of his country was the next step in his plan to deliver mankind from evil, Satan, and death.

One night, God took Abram outside his tent door and told him to look up and see if he could count the stars. God promised Abram, even before he had a



child, that his descendants would be as many as the stars.

***Genesis 15:5,6 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.***

Three words in the last sentence are full of meaning. The word ***righteousness*** is in reference to God's perfection. God is flawless, holy, and pure. No person is perfect, and therefore, no person is righteous before God. This is a great problem for mankind. No person can live with God in Heaven, unless he is righteous. How can a man become righteous before God? This verse tells us how to become righteous.

The word is ***counted*** means credited. When a person deposits his money in a bank, the bank credits the money to his account. When Abram "deposited" his faith in God, God "credited" his faith as righteousness. This means that when Abram believed God, God considered Abram righteous. As God clothed Adam and Eve with animal skins, so God clothed Abram with His own righteousness.

The third word is ***believed***. Often the words belief, faith and trust are used interchangeably. True belief is based on fact and not feelings. When you sit in a chair, you trust that it will hold you up. You observe that the chair is sturdy and you rest yourself upon it. Abram rested his faith on the fact that what God promised will come to pass. God said, "You will have a son." God cannot lie; therefore, Abram will have a son.

Faith can be illustrated in the following way. Two friends are talking with each about rock climbing. One asks the other, "Do you believe that the rope will keep you from falling?" The other replies, "Of course, I do!" Then the first friend says, "Okay, let us go rock climbing!" If the second friend is reluctant and begins making excuses for not joining in the fun, it is doubtful that he really believes. Although, he may say so with his mouth, more importantly, he doubts it in his heart. Faith affects our actions. Abram's faith went beyond just saying so with his mouth. He staked his life and reputation upon it. He did the things God wanted him to do because he believed God.

When God looked at Abram, He did not see a disobedient and evil person. Abram was still not perfect, but because he believed God, God considered him to be righteous. How can a person gain righteousness equal to God? Abram found the answer to be very simple. He believed God.

God records every act of disobedience a person makes in his life and deposits it into their personal "account". God is righteous and in order to live with Him in Heaven, a person needs to have God's righteousness. The problem is every person has many recorded acts of disobedience in their account. When a person believes God, God will "credit" his account with God's own righteousness. God does not see the disobedience recorded. He only sees His own righteousness.

***Genesis 17:5,15 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee ... And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.***

God changed his name to Abraham because God promised he would become the father of many descendants. God also changed Sarai's name to Sarah meaning "mother of nations". It seemed impossible that Abraham and Sarah would have a son. Abraham would be 100 years old and Sarah 90 years old. This promise did not depend on their human frailty, but it was God who made the promise and he is Almighty.

\* Please answer Lesson 7 questions on page 22 \*

## **Lesson 8: "God Destroys Sodom and Gomorrah"**

We will learn some very important issues in this lesson. For example, does God care if people choose to live an immoral life? Is homosexuality really a sin? The Bible answer is clear.

Abraham was very rich and had many servants, cattle, sheep, and goats. He took all that he owned with him to Canaan. It is impossible for us to understand everything that was involved in such a journey. Abraham's decision to follow God was not a desire for adventure, but because he believed God. He obeyed God in spite of the inconvenience and social pressures. He trusted all his family, possessions and reputation into God's care. Lot, Abraham's nephew, also went with them.

***Genesis 13: 5-7 And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.***

Lot was also rich like his uncle Abraham. They both owned many sheep and cattle. Soon trouble developed between the men taking care of their herds and flocks.

***Genesis 13:8-11 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. And***

***Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.***

Lot looked around and made his choice. He chose the grassy plains which he thought would be best for his animals. Lot was not thinking of what was best for his family and how this move would affect his relationship with God. Lot was thinking only of how to make more money. Some terrible things happened to Lot because of his choice.

We need to be careful of the choices we make. In our society, we are continually pressured to make choices like, How can we make more money? What shall we buy? Where will we live? The real issues of life are seldom ever mentioned. What about our relationship with God? What do our children know about God? What has God written for us in his Word? What about the death penalty as a result of our disobedience to God?

***Genesis 13:12, 13 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.***

Abram stayed up in the rocky, less fertile hills and mountains. Lot moved down to the fertile plain. In the eyes of many, it would appear Abraham was the "loser" in the division of territory, but the "loser" will soon become Lot.

The two cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were located down on the plains. These cities were very wicked. The people who lived there did not want to know God. They were only thinking of themselves and the evil things they were doing. Lot chose what seemed to look the best to him, but in doing so, he took a step away from God and toward a dangerous place of great evil.

God knew the wickedness of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. People may choose to reject God and follow Satan, but God will judge them when He decides that He has given enough time to change their minds about their disobedience.

God decided that he could not tolerate their disobedience any longer. He was patient with the people of Sodom and Gomorrah for a long time and wanted them to repent. Do you remember how long God patiently waited for the people to repent in the days of Noah? The answer is 120 years. When God decided he gave enough time, the people who refused to repent did not escape judgment. God does not punish disobedience immediately and it may seem like God overlooks it at times. However, He will eventually punish all disobedience. No one can escape God's judgment.

***Genesis 19:1-3 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he***



***bowed himself with his face toward the ground; And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.***

Lot was living in Sodom with these wicked people. God sent two angels to Sodom to warn Lot and his family what was about to happen.

***Genesis 19:4-7 But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.***

What a sickening passage. God's only plan for sex was that it be the special bond between a husband and wife. The unnatural, perverted, out-of-control sexual passions that plagued Sodom are still raging today. Our whole society is threatened by a horrible disease because men and women have refused God's plan for their lives.



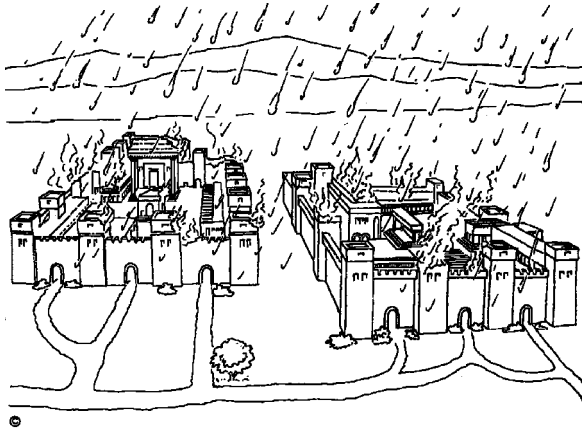
***Genesis 19:17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.***

God did not save Lot, his wife and daughters because they were good. Lot was not living a wicked life like the people of Sodom, but he was born separated from God just like everyone else. Lot believed God. He

believed the promises given to Adam and to his uncle Abraham about the coming Savior.

God sent the angels to lead Lot out of the wicked city before it was destroyed. God saves people who believe Him from His judgment. Noah believed God and He saved him from the flood. Lot believed God and He delivered him before Sodom was destroyed. Once Lot was safely outside the city, God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah by raining down fire.

***Genesis 19:24-26 Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.***



When the angels took Lot, his wife, and his two daughters out of Sodom, they told them not to look behind, but to run to the mountains. Lot's wife disobeyed. She looked back, because she enjoyed living in Sodom. She did not want to leave. She was very foolish to ignore God's warning. God turned her into a pillar of salt when she looked back.

Even though there are billions of people in the world today, God still knows and is interested in every individual. God cares about you and wants you to believe Him. He is also righteous and will judge every person who disobeys Him.

\* Please answer Lesson 8 questions on page 23 \*

## **Lesson 9: "Isaac"**

***Genesis 21:1-3 And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken. For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.***

God promised to give Abraham and Sarah a son even though they were too old to have children. Twenty-five years later God fulfilled that promise to Abraham. He was now 100 years old and Sarah was 90 years old. They both knew that it was impossible for them to have children at their age, but God always fulfills His promises. Nothing is impossible with God. They had a son and named

him Isaac.

Isaac was the pride and joy of Abraham. Many years passed by and Isaac grew to be a young man. His father and mother loved him very much. Abraham believed God's promises concerning the coming Savior was to be fulfilled through Isaac and his descendants. However, one day God told Abraham to do a most difficult thing.

***Genesis 22:1, 2 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.***

God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. How then would Abraham become the father of a great nation? How then would the Savior be one of his descendants? How could God's promises be fulfilled through Isaac if Abraham killed his only son? God is not endorsing child sacrifice. He was merely testing Abraham to see if he loved God more than his own son. What a difficult test!

Abraham did not doubt or question God. He accepted what God commanded. He believed God and knew He could not lie. He knew God would not give him a promise and then change his mind. God would still keep his word. This test of faith was very difficult, but Abraham put his trust in God. Abraham discovered just what each person needs to discover for himself: that God never fails to do what he has promised. We can fully trust Him. God wants us to trust His word.

***Genesis 22:3-5 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.***

Abraham really believed God. So far he is doing everything he should. He gets up early the next morning. He does not hesitate to obey God. He is really trusting God to work this situation out. Somehow, Abraham knew Isaac would return with him, because he told his servants that "we" will go worship and come back again.

***Genesis 22:6-8 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.***

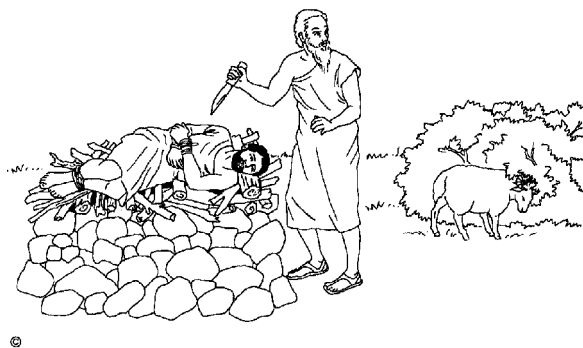
Isaac saw his father worship and sacrifice before. He could not understand why they had not taken a sheep with them to sacrifice. Abraham confidently replied that God would provide himself a lamb for the sacrifice. He knew God would not make a promise about Isaac and then not fulfill it. Isaac had to live! Even if Isaac died, Abraham realized God would have to bring him back to life to fulfill his promises. This certainly was a difficult test for Abraham, but he knew something had to happen up on the mountain top to spare Isaac's life.

Believing God is the most important thing we can do. Just hearing God's word will not deliver us from Satan's control. Suppose you were sick and went to the doctor where he prescribed medicine. Would you get better by just hearing the doctor tell you how this medicine will help? Of course not! You would need to take the medicine to get better. Likewise, just listening to God's words will not help us. God will only accept those who, like Abraham, believe Him.

***Genesis 22:9,10 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.***

Isaac was a young man and could have put up a fight, but there was no struggle. Isaac willingly submitted to his father. When Isaac was bound, there was no way for Isaac to escape. He was helpless and could not save himself. When God shut the door of Noah's ark, there was no escape for anyone outside the ark. Likewise, there was no escape for the people of Sodom and Gomorrah when God sent down fire.

God saved Noah and his family from the flood. God saved Lot and his daughters from the fire which destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. Only God could save Isaac from being killed. Is there any way that we can save ourselves from everlasting punishment in the Lake of Fire? No! We cannot save ourselves. Only God can make a way for man to be accepted and avoid the Lake of Fire.



***Genesis 22:10-13 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.***

God saved Isaac! Abraham passed the test! God told Abraham not to kill his son. Although Abraham loved Isaac more than anything else on earth, he loved God even more. God provided an animal for sacrifice. God caused a ram to be caught by its horns in the bush. Abraham killed the ram and burned it as an offering to God. Isaac went free because God provided a substitute to die in his place. The ram was Isaac's substitute.

***Genesis 22:14-19 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen. And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.***

God provided a ram to die instead of Isaac. Abraham believed that God would also provide the Savior to win over evil, just as He provided the ram. In our very last lesson we will see something even more dramatic occurring on this same mountain. Just as Isaac was under God's direct order to die, so all mankind is under the sentence of death. Isaac could not save himself. Abraham trusted the Lord, believing that somehow his loving God would make the difference. And He did. God provided a way of escape through a substitute; the innocent dying for the guilty.

Just as Abel offered a sacrifice to die in his place, so the ram died in Isaac's place. Just as God accepted Abel's sacrifice, so God accepted Abraham's sacrifice of the ram in Isaac's place. We cannot begin to imagine such a difficult test as Abraham faced. However, we can see that God rewarded Abraham for his faith. He provided a way for Isaac to be saved. The ancestral line of the promised Savior was preserved. God can be completely trusted to fulfill His promises.

\* Please answer Lesson 9 questions on page 24 \*

## **Lesson 10: "Jacob and Joseph"**

Our story begins in Canaan, but will close with Abraham's descendants living in Egypt. Abraham's wife, Sarah, died some time after God had spared Isaac's life. God promised that through Isaac would come many descendants, including the Savior. Abraham sent his servant to seek a wife from his relatives. His servant brought back Rebekah. Isaac and Rebekah were soon married and they had two children named Esau and Jacob.

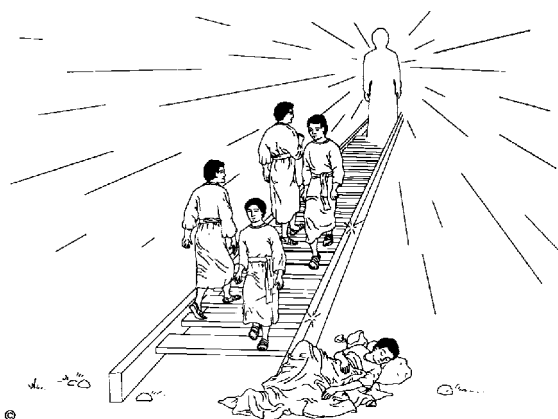
***Genesis 25:27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.***

Esau was a skillful hunter. He spent his time tracking and killing wild animals out in the field. The promises of God concerning the Savior would have ordinarily been passed on to Esau, because he was the first born. However, Esau was not interested in the promises of God. He did not trust God like Abraham and Isaac did. Esau was like Cain. He patterned his life around his own ideas and doing his own thing. He did not see that he was a sinner and needed to be accepted by God. As we read about Esau, we find that he lived for the things of this world. These were more important to him than the things which God wanted to give him.

Jacob lived quietly in his tent and kept the sheep and cattle. Jacob believed God like Abraham and Isaac. He was very interested in God and his promises. We all need to ask ourselves, "Am I turning away from God's truth and following my own way like Cain and Esau? Or, am I like Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob who admitted their sin and trusted in God to provide the Savior?"

Great differences between Esau and Jacob developed to the point where Esau threatened to kill Jacob. Therefore, Jacob left his father and mother's home and began the long trek back to the land in which his grandfather used to live.

***Genesis 28:11,12 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.***



Jacob's journey lasted several weeks. One night, as Jacob slept in the mountains, God gave him a dream. Through this dream, God showed Jacob that the coming Savior would bridge the gap between man and God. God is the only one who can make a way for man to come to Him. No amount of good deeds done by man can bridge this gap. When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, the stairway to God had been removed. The only way man could come to God was if God made a way. God did promise to send a Savior who would be like the stairway which Jacob saw reaching from earth to Heaven. God showed Jacob that there is only one way to God. Jacob must put his trust in God.

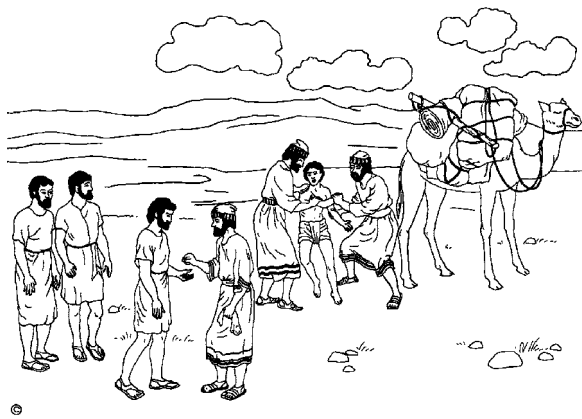
Jacob made his way to Abraham's original homeland. He found his mother's relatives and married her two nieces, sisters, by the name of Leah and Rachel. He went on to have 12 children and after twenty years returned to his father



Isaac and there was peace between Jacob and his brother Esau.

Joseph was Jacob's favorite son, which caused his older brothers to hate him. God gave Joseph two dreams to show that he would become the ruler over the family.

***Genesis 37:5-10 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth.***



into prison.

His brothers were very jealous. One day they sold Joseph as a slave to traders going to Egypt. The brothers made it look to their father that Joseph was killed by a wild beast. The traders sold him to Potiphar, the captain of the guard for Pharaoh (king of Egypt). For a short time everything went well for Joseph in the home where he worked, but when his Potiphar's wife made false accusations against him, he was put

***Genesis 39:21,22 But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.***

Joseph still trusted God even though he was hated by his brothers and lied about by his master's wife. He trusted God's promises just like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. No one can ever please God unless he believes what God says. God did not fail Joseph even when he was in prison. God took care of him because he had a wonderful plan for Joseph's life. It looked impossible with Joseph in prison that he would ever be the ruler of his family, but God always keeps his promises.

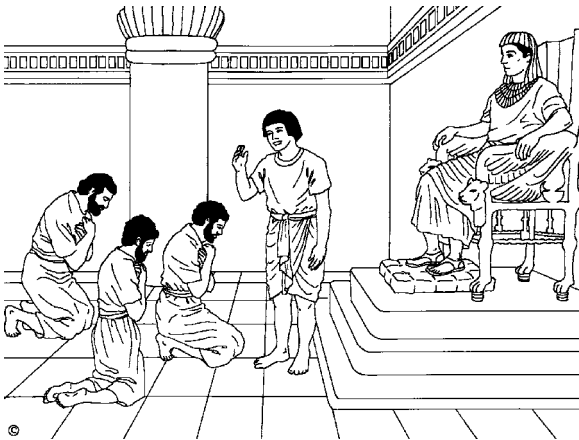
One day Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had two dreams that were related.

Pharaoh did not know or worship the true and living God. The Egyptians worshipped the sun, moon, stars, animals and the Nile River. God wanted to tell Pharaoh a very important message through the dream, but no one was able to interpret the dream. Pharaoh was told that a man in his prison, Joseph, would be able to interpret the dream for him. Joseph was brought before Pharaoh and he interpreted his dream. Joseph told Pharaoh that God was about to bring 7 years of great plenty followed by 7 years of great famine. The famine would be so severe that the 7 years of plenty would be forgotten.

Joseph counseled Pharaoh to pick out a man to oversee the officers of the land collecting 20% of the food during the 7 years of great plenty to store up for the 7 years of famine. In this way, there would be food to last throughout the famine, and those in countries nearby would be able to come and buy food. Pharaoh was impressed with Joseph's interpretation and promoted him to the highest position in all of Egypt. Joseph became the prime minister of Egypt. Only Pharaoh was higher than Joseph. Joseph had been through difficult experiences and understood that the God was still in control. God had not forgotten Joseph when he was in prison. The dreams which God had given him as a youth were about to be fulfilled.

After the seven years of great plenty, the seven years of great famine began. This famine stretched into neighboring countries like Canaan. In fact, Joseph's father and brothers ran out of food. Jacob sent Joseph's brothers to Egypt to buy food. Joseph recognized his brothers, but they didn't recognize him and bowed themselves to him.

***Genesis 42:3, 6 Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon***



***another? And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn***

***in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die. And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt....And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth.***

God brought to pass the things he showed Joseph in his dreams as a youth. His brothers did indeed bow down before him. Joseph wept when he disclosed his true identity to his brothers. Rather than treating his brothers harshly as they deserved, Joseph explained to them that God used the brothers' horrible actions for good.

Joseph instructed his brothers to go back to Canaan and bring his father and all his family to Egypt where they would be able to survive the great famine. Jacob and Joseph were reunited once again. Pharaoh allowed Jacob's family to live in the best part of Egypt where they remained for 400 years. Over the years, they multiplied and became a great nation.

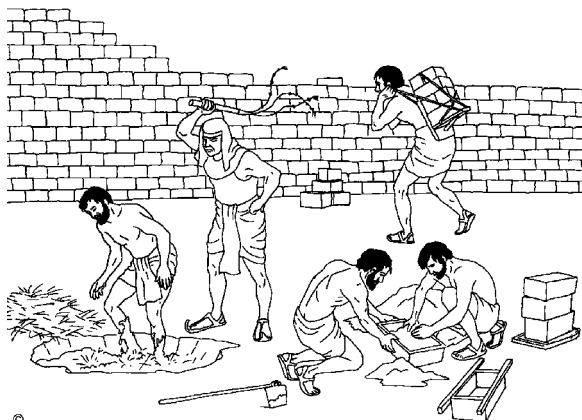
God changed Jacob's name to Israel and so all of his descendants became known as the nation of Israel or the Israelites.

\* Please answer Lesson 10 questions on page 25 \*

## **Lesson 11: "Moses and the Passover"**

We ended our last lesson with the descendants of Israel entering Egypt. We now begin to study the second book of the Bible called Exodus which means "going out". We will discover how God, after 400 years, brought the Israelites out of Egypt and back into the "promised land" meaning the land he promised to give to Abraham.

Joseph and all his generation died in Egypt. Joseph's relatives continued to live in Egypt after the drought ended. About 350 years have passed between the time that Israel came to live in Egypt and the time we pick up the story in the book of Exodus. During this time, the children of Israel prospered in Egypt. They grew from 70 people to nearly two and a half million people. However, things were about to change.



***Exodus 1:8,11 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph ... Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.***

Satan guided the new Pharaoh to enslave the Jews. Satan knew that God promised to send the Savior and that He would come through the lineage of the nation of Israel. Therefore, Satan wanted to destroy the nation of Israel so there would be no Savior. Satan even moved Pharaoh to instruct the Israelite midwives to kill all the male babies that would be born. They refused to obey Pharaoh and chose to trust God.



In an effort to protect her infant son from being killed, an Israelite mother placed her son in small boat and set him adrift on the river praying someone would find him and protect him. God guided the boat to the place where Pharaoh's daughter was bathing. She saw the baby inside and decided to adopt him as her own child. She called his name Moses. God planned to use Moses to deliver the Israelites from slavery. God knew that Moses would be safer in Pharaoh's house than anywhere else. He

also knew Moses would learn many things that would be important for him to know for his future work as the leader of his people.

Moses grew up into manhood. One day, he saw an Egyptian beating an Israelite slave. He killed the Egyptian man and fled into Arabia where he became a shepherd. He married and had children. About 40 years later, God told Moses to return to Egypt and bring the Israelites into Canaan, the land He promised to Abraham. God knew that Pharaoh would not allow the Israelite slaves to go free. He would have to be persuaded that God was the true and living God before he would allow them to go free.

***Exodus 5:1,2 And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.***

Pharaoh refused to obey God's command given through Moses. Pharaoh did not know God, the Creator of the whole earth. The Egyptians worshipped the creation rather than the Creator. They worshipped the Nile River, the sun, moon, and many different kinds of animals. They had many gods and even worshipped Pharaoh as a god. God wanted to teach the Pharaoh that idols are false gods and that the true God is the Creator of everything. Therefore, God is to be worshipped alone.

God allowed nine plagues to come upon Egypt to show the Egyptians his great power. First, God had turned the water in the Nile river to blood. God made one of their gods to stink. A cycle began: God would warn Pharaoh to let the Israelites go and Pharaoh would say NO! God would bring a plague, each one targeting another of the Egyptian gods. Next, he sent plagues of frogs, then lice, and then flies. God then caused the Egyptians' horses, cattle, sheep, camels, and donkeys to become sick and die. Next, God caused all the Egyptians to have terrible boils. This was followed by a terrible destructive hailstorm, then a plague of locusts, and then three days of thick darkness in all the places where the Egyptians were living. Pharaoh and the Egyptian people could not save themselves from these terrible plagues. Neither could their false gods save them.

The Israelites would have suffered from the plagues too, but God's love and mercy protected them so that the plagues did not affect them even though they were living nearby in the same country. God protected Israel from the plagues so that the king of Egypt would realize that the God of Israel was the only true and living God. God knew all along that Pharaoh would be stubborn and would refuse to release them. He told Moses that after this next plague, Pharaoh would finally let them go free.

***Exodus 11:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.***

God told Moses the last plague would bring death to all the firstborn males to both Egyptians and Israelites. However, God gave a set of instructions so anyone who followed these instructions would be protected from the last plague.

***Exodus 12:3, 5 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:....Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:***

This event was so important that they base their calendar on it. This event would begin their New Year. It would be like a double holiday – New Year's Day and Independence Day celebrated together. The head of each home had to choose a lamb or goat. The lamb or goat had to be without blemish. Do you remember the ram that was to be offered instead of Isaac? It was caught by the horns in a bush. Why was it caught by the horns? God is perfect and He requires a perfect sacrifice. He would never accept an animal offering that was sick or hurt.

***Exodus 12:6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.***

The lamb was to be kept until a specified day by God, and then killed. The lamb had to die. Its blood must be allowed to flow out. This was to remind the

Israelites that the punishment for sin is death. Isaac was saved by the death of an innocent ram. Now, the Israelites would be saved by the death of an innocent lamb.



***Exodus 12:7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.***

God told the Israelites to catch the blood in a basin. They were to take a small branch and dip it into the blood. They were to apply the blood on both sides of the door posts and over the door of the house where they were going to eat the lamb that night. It was the blood of the lamb on the doorpost that would save the firstborn from the plague. God promised that when he saw the blood on a house, he would pass over the house and not allow the plague to enter and kill their firstborn.



***Exodus 12:29 And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.***

In every home where there was no blood applied to the door the firstborn child died. But, in every home where the blood was applied, the firstborn lived. Imagine if every family in your city had someone die. What if every family in your county had someone die? Think of the impact if every family in your state had someone die. But the Bible does not even say that. As terrible as it would be, the Bible says that every Egyptian family in the whole country had someone die. It is possible that if a grandfather, father, and son were all firstborns and living in the same house, then

all three would die. Can you even begin to imagine what this disaster would be like?

This event would picture how the coming Savior would save people from judgment and separation from God. This event would also become known as the Passover, because God passed over each house that had the blood.



What would have happened if a man said, "This is crazy to kill one of my best lambs. I have an old cripple, it will do". Or, if another said "No way am I going to mess up my door posts with blood. I will dump it on the ground outside the back door." Would God have passed over that house? No! They may have done it with the best of intentions, but they would not be following God's instructions. They would be doing their own thing, just like Cain and Esau. Their firstborn would have died because they refused to believe God.

What would have happened if an Egyptian came by and heard what God was about to do and said, "Our gods are false. The Israelites worship the only true God. I want that God to be my God." and followed God's instructions? Would God pass over his house and he escape the plague? Yes, because he believed God.

Pharaoh's first born son died in the plague. Pharaoh called Moses that very night and told him to take the Israelites out of Egypt. All those who oppose God will lose. Adam and Eve lost. Cain lost. So did the people of Noah's day and in Sodom and Gomorrah. Now Egypt lost. Everyone has a choice. All of them made the wrong choice. God blesses those who believe Him and look for the coming Savior.

God used Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt that very night. He began to lead them back to the land that He promised Abraham. God protected Israel for two reasons. First, so the great Savior would be born into the world. Second, He was entrusting His Word to them so they could give it to the world.

\* Please answer Lesson 11 questions on page 26 \*

## **Lesson 12: "The 10 Commandments"**

God guided the Israelites to Mount Sinai, the place where God appeared to Moses in Arabia. He was to going make a covenant with the Israelites. The main point was that Israel must obey God perfectly. A covenant is a serious agreement between God and Israel. The people responded by saying, "We will do everything God has said".

They were not serious when they made that statement. During their journey to Mount Sinai they ran out of water and food. Now, if you saw God destroy the world's only superpower (Egypt) and give you your freedom from Pharaoh, do you think He could provide water and food in the desert? Yes, of course! But the Israelites did not think so. They complained to Moses and said they would rather go back to Egypt! They did not believe God could take care of them, but God provided water and food despite their complaining.

Do you think these people can obey God perfectly? No. Does God think these people can obey Him perfectly? No. Then why would God make an agreement with these people when He already knew they could not live up to its

demands?

He wanted to show them how Holy He is and how evil they were. They were full of pride! They thought they could always obey God and keep his commandments every moment. He wanted to teach them that they could not be accepted by their own efforts. They would recognize their sin through their own failures. God gave the Law to show them they were sinners so they would realize their helplessness and begin trusting God for the coming Savior. We will read a part of the covenant God made with the Israelites. This portion of scripture is often referred to as the 10 Commandments.

***Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.***

God said that nothing else is to take the place of God. Can you say that from a child until now you have always loved God with all your heart and with every part of your life? I do not believe there is a person that can honestly say they have always loved God more than anyone or anything else. God must have the highest place in your thoughts and give Him praise and thanks for everything. If family, social status, work, money, recreation, retirement or anything else is more important to you than God, you have broken this commandment.

***Exodus 20:4, 5 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them...***

Since God is a Spirit, we really do not know what He looks like. God does not want you to worship any statue or idol. Only God is worthy of our worship. He does not want you to put your affection on anything or anyone else.

***Exodus 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.***

God is telling us that we should speak about Him carefully and respectfully. People frequently misuse His name today. Many even use His name as a curse word. God deserves reverence and our utmost honor.

***Exodus 20:8-11 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.***

God says the seventh day is day for rest and remembering Him. We should take one day and set aside the normal labors so we can worship and praise Him.

***Exodus 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.***

God said that children must respect and obey their parents. Talking back, ignoring, arguing, pouting, and criticism are all ways of being disrespectful. What child has obeyed this command perfectly every moment, every day, every year?

***Exodus 20:13 Thou shalt not kill.***

God meant more than just action of murder. He said that if you are angry with another person you have committed murder in your heart. If you ever have been angry with someone else, then you have broken this commandment.

***Exodus 20:14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.***

God was saying that the only acceptable time to have sex is after you are married, and only with your spouse. He explains that if you ever lusted after another person or even so much as thought about sex with another person who is not your spouse, then you are guilty of breaking this commandment.

***Exodus 20:15 Thou shalt not steal.***

God said you must never take anything belonging to someone else. God gave each person the right to keep his own property. Most people would not think they are a thief, but ask yourself, "Have I ever taken anything of even small value that did not belong to me". If you have then you are guilty of breaking this commandment.

***Exodus 20:16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.***

God condemns lying and misrepresenting the truth. Satan is the father of lies, and anyone who tells a lie is following Satan. There is not one person alive who can truthfully claim they have never broken this commandment.

***Exodus 20:17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.***

God does not want you to want what other people have. He wants you to be satisfied with what you have and not become greedy and jealous over other people's possessions, abilities, and looks.

God's law is like a mirror. A real mirror shows us what we look like on the outside, but God's commands show us the evil in our hearts. When you look into a mirror and see the dirt on your face you desire to get cleaned up. Similarly, when God's commands show you the "dirt" (sin) in your heart, you should have a desire to let the Savior clean you up. Just as the mirror exposed the dirt, so God's law makes us aware of the sin in our heart.

God's law is also like a chain. How many links need to break for the whole chain to break? Just one. If we break only one command (link), then we have broken the whole law. He required these people to keep all of His commands, or they would die for their disobedience. These commands show us how impossible it is for us to be accepted by God based on our own effort. If the Israelites understood this, they would be more inclined to look for the Savior. He wanted to show them their only hope was through the coming Savior.

God's Law silences those who say their lives are good enough to be accepted by God. No one can honestly study these ten commands without sensing their own sinfulness. Man would not only know his sinfulness, but he would know God's perfection. The Law could not bridge the gap between man and God. The Law is like a thermometer. It can show us that we are sick, but can do nothing to help us get better.

Most people would admit they are sinners. However, few will admit they are helpless sinners and there is a big difference. Those who simply say they are sinners believe they can do something to make themselves acceptable to God. A person who believes that their good deeds can outweigh their bad deeds, and therefore merit God's acceptance, is deceived by Satan. Doing good works is commendable, but none of these deeds can restore our broken relationship with God. A helpless sinner knows there is nothing he can do to make himself acceptable to God. God wants us to admit that we have broken his Law, and we cannot save ourselves. He wants us to look to the Savior who alone can make us righteous and acceptable to God.

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## **Review: Lessons 7-12**

God called Abraham out of his home town of Ur, which is present day Iraq and go to Canaan, which is present day Israel. God promised that Abraham's descendants would become a great nation. He told Abraham that his name would become great and that He would protect him. Then God made an important promise about the coming Savior. He told Abraham that **"in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed"**. God promised that the coming Savior would be one of his descendants. It will be the Savior who will help all the families of the earth by defeating Satan.

We learned from Abraham how man can become righteous before God. God is holy and without sin. Man is full of sin. No one can live with God in Heaven unless he is righteous. Abraham discovered what each of us needs to discover, "How can I become righteous before God?" Abraham found the answer to be simple.

***Genesis 15:6 And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for***

## ***righteousness.***

We learned that when Abraham believed God, He considered Abraham righteous. As God clothed Adam and Eve with animal skins, so God clothed Abraham with His own righteousness.

Abraham's nephew, Lot, left Ur and moved with his uncle to Canaan. They soon became very rich and decided to separate from each other. Lot decided to move towards a very wicked and evil town called Sodom. Lot was not thinking of what was best for his family, but only how to make more money. The people in Sodom did not want to know God. They only wanted to indulge in the evil things they were doing.

God decided that he could not tolerate the disobedience of Sodom any longer. He was patient with these people for a long time and wanted them to repent, but the time finally came to send judgment. By this time, Lot was living in the city of Sodom. God sent two angels to rescue his family. Lot was saved from God's judgment because he believed God. God always saves people who believe Him from His judgment.

Twenty-five years after God promised Abraham a son, they had a baby boy and named him Isaac. Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90. Nothing is impossible with God. Isaac was the pride and joy of Abraham. Isaac grew to be a young man. Then one day, God decided to test Abraham to see if he loved God more than his son Isaac.

God instructed Abraham to go on a three days journey with his son and sacrifice him on a mountain he would show him. What a difficult test! God promised to send the Savior through the descendants of Isaac. How could this happen if he killed his son? But, Abraham also knew that God never fails to do what he promised. So, Abraham believed God knowing that He would have to raise Isaac from the dead to fulfill his promise. He sensed that something was going to happen, because he told his servants that they both would return together.

On the way to the mountain, Isaac asked his father why they had not taken a sheep to sacrifice. Abraham replied that God would provide himself a lamb for the sacrifice. God had to because of His promises concerning the Savior and Isaac. Isaac willingly submitted to his father and was bound to the altar. There was no escape for Isaac. He was helpless and could not save himself. God saved Noah and his family from the flood. God saved Lot and his daughters from the destruction at Sodom. Only God could save Isaac. Likewise, only the Savior can save us from everlasting punishment in the Lake of Fire.

God did save Isaac and Abraham passed the test! Abraham proved that he loved God more than anyone or anything else in his life. God caused a ram to be caught by his horns in the bush. Abraham sacrificed the ram to God. Isaac went free because God provided a substitute to die in his place. The ram was Isaac's substitute.

Isaac eventually married and had two sons by the name of Esau and Jacob. Esau was like Cain. He patterned his life around his own ideas and doing his own thing. He was not interested in God. Jacob, however, believed God like Abraham and his father Isaac. One day, Isaac instructed Jacob to go to his mother's homeland and take of her family a wife.

One night on Jacob's journey, he slept in the mountains. God gave him a dream showing a ladder reaching from earth to Heaven. Through this dream, God showed Jacob that the coming Savior would bridge the gap between man and God. God was the only one who can make a way for man to be accepted. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, the "ladder" to God had been removed. God promised to send the Savior who would be that "ladder" so man can be accepted by God.

Jacob made it to his mother's family. He married and had several children and then returned to his father Isaac. Joseph was Jacob's favorite son which caused his older brothers to hate him. One day the brothers sold Joseph as a slave to traders going to Egypt. The brothers made it look to their father that a wild beast killed him.

Joseph was sold as a slave in Egypt, but God had a special plan for his life. Joseph ended up becoming the Prime Minister of Egypt. During a terrible famine, Pharaoh allowed Joseph's family from Canaan to live in the best part of Egypt where they remained for 400 years and became a great nation.

About 350 years later, the king of Egypt decided to enslave the Israelites. Remember God's promise to Abraham and his descendants, "I will bless them that bless you and curse them that curse you". God was going to judge Egypt and free his people at the same time. He chose Moses to lead his people back to land he promised to Abraham.

Pharaoh did not believe God and refused to let the Israelites go free. God sent several plagues to show Pharaoh that He was the true and living God. However, Pharaoh still refused to free the Israelites. God knew that after the last plague, Pharaoh would finally allow the Israelites to go free. God told Moses the last plague would bring death to all the firstborn, but He also provided a way for people to be protected. Every person who followed these instructions was protected.

They had to choose a lamb or goat without blemish. It could not be sick or cripple. God is perfect and he requires a perfect sacrifice. They were to kill the animal so its blood would flow out and into a basin. They were to take the blood and apply it to the door posts of the house where they would roast and then eat the sacrifice. God promised that when He saw the blood on a house, He would pass over the house and not allow the plague to enter and kill the firstborn. This event would picture how the coming Savior would save people from the judgment of sin and separation from God.

That night Pharaoh's first born son died in the plague. In fact the Bible tells us that there was not a home in Egypt where someone did not die. Pharaoh



finally allowed the Israelites to leave. Pharaoh told Moses to take the Israelites out of Egypt and return to Canaan, the land God promised to Abraham.

On the way to Canaan, God guided them to Mount Sinai. God wanted Israel to realize how Holy He is and how sinful they were. They were full of pride and thought they could be accepted by God based on their own effort. So God made a covenant (God's Law) with the Israelites. He wanted to teach them that they could not be accepted by their own efforts and to recognize their sin through their mistakes. He also wanted to show them their only hope was through the coming Savior.

God's law is like a mirror. A real mirror shows us what we look like on the outside, but God's commands show us the evil in our hearts. When you look into a mirror and see the dirt on your face you desire to get cleaned up. Similarly, when God's commands show you the "dirt" or sin in your heart, you should have a desire to let the Savior clean you up. Just as the mirror exposed the dirt, so God's law makes us aware of the sin in our heart.

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Lesson 7 Questions:

1. What did God tell Abram to do?
2. How many children did Abram and Sarai have when God told Abram to go into a different country?
3. Did Abram believe God and his promises like Abel and Noah?
4. Why couldn't Abraham and Sarah have a child unless God performed a miracle?

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Lesson 8 Questions:

1. Why did Lot move away from Abram?
2. Why did Lot choose the plains near Sodom and Gomorrah?
3. What benefit will riches be to people if, when they die, they go to the Lake of Fire?
4. Did God know about all the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah?
5. Is it true that God is interested in every individual?
6. Why didn't God immediately punish the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah?
7. Why did God send his angels to rescue Lot?
8. Why did God turn Lot's wife into a pillar of salt?

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Lesson 9 Questions:

1. What did God tell Abraham to do?
2. Why did God tell Abraham to do this?
3. What did Abraham think God would do if he did kill Isaac?
4. Once Abraham had bound Isaac on the altar, was there any way Isaac could escape?
5. Is there any way any person can save himself from the payment of death and everlasting punishment, which he deserves because of his sin?
6. Who saved Isaac from being killed?
7. Who provided a sacrifice to take Isaac's place?

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2. Did Jacob believe God like his father?
3. What did Jacob see in the dream given to him by God?
4. What did this dream mean?
5. Who was Jacob's favorite son?
6. What did Joseph's older brothers do?
7. How did Joseph end up in prison?
8. Who gave Joseph the understanding of Pharaoh's dream?
9. Did God fulfill His promise to Joseph to be ruler over his family?
10. Did God fulfill His promise in Joseph's family bowing down to him?

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2. Who was guiding the king in his wicked plans?
3. Why would Satan wish to destroy the Israelites?
4. Why did God allow Pharaoh's daughter to adopt Moses?
5. How did the Lord show His power in Egypt?
6. What was the last plague which God sent on the Egyptians?
7. What did God tell the Israelites to do to protect their firstborn?
8. What are two reasons God protected Israel?



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2. Will God accept us if we just do our best and obey as many of His commandments as we can?
3. Is it sin to worship any idol?
4. Does God say that if you hate someone you have committed murder?
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6. Is it a sin to tell a lie?
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